# **ACCUSED WICKHAM** AND DROPPED DEAD.

### Millionaire Whose Wife Shot Herself Figured in Previous Scandal.

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Up to the moment of the discovery of Davis in her room it was the millionaire husband who was under suspicion. The sudden death last February of a man in the act of upbraiding him for destroying-his home, followed by a horse-whipping given by Mrs. Davis to the strong wife, jed to a break in the Wickham family relations.

Tragte Scene.

The tragic scene that developed into the greatest scandal in the history of port Jervis took place in the crowded cerridor of the Fowler House. George Murray, one of the old and prominent residents, went to the place, which was owned by Wickham, to demand an explanation of stories connecting his young wife's name with that of the millionaire. Murray approached Wickham angrily. He was trembling with rage. So visibly was he affected that those who saw him and suspected his errand anticipated that he would shoot Wickham and suspected his errand anticipated that he would shoot Wickham the room."

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Shortly after the marriage. Davis went to the bited in an ancion to bottle, in the Mickel He is excedintly handsome. Mrs. Wickham showed such a preference for his company that her husband moved from the hotel to an apartment in the Wickham Block. Davis-left the city.

The Wickhams were at the Fowler House for supper Tuesday night. Davis had reached the city. Mrs. Wickham saw him. She refused to accompany her husband to the theatre. He took her home and left her. When he returned to the apartment after two hours be found the door of his wife's room locked. He forced it. An empited champagne bottle, and glasses were on the door and shouled for nelp. His cries were heard by Prof. Lomsche, Manager L. D. Bennett, of the Telephone Company: Samuel Salley, his clerk, and Surrogate O. P. Howell.

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Tragedy and scandal followed swift in ent apartments and preserved only an ine development of the denouement that came with the discovery of J. R. A. Twenty years ago—about the time James E. Wickham, the wealthiest citizen of Port Jervis, divorced his first apartment at Port Jervis and her suicide a few hours later.

Was the woman guilty? On the brink of the grave she declared her innocence.
"You have gained your point," she wrote. "I am innocent, though circum business." I am innocent, though circum business.

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Woman.

Soon there was a terriffic scream from

FINEST BEEF GETS HERE.

Local Butchers Have Four Car-

loads of Prize Herefords.

Four loads of prize Hereford cattle

have been received at the Jersey City

A WINNING BOY

and then by silence.

# SISTER PLAYED

Lulu Gerhardt Hunted Husband Was Drunk and Dead Sister's False

The Gerhardt home at 627 Eagle aveonaly iii, has been taken to the home of her married son, 496 Brook avenue. The doctors have grave fears for the

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Earns His Medals by the Use of Good Food

pated that he would shoot Wickham down. Instead, he faced his as though to speak.

He waved his hands, but his lips refused to articulate the words that seemed trembling on them. The man's face was livid. He gasped for breathine in a paroxysm of rage, he fell to the floor.

Physicians were called. He was dead, Heart disease caused by intense excitement was given as the cause.

Hardly had the town arisen to a realization of the scandal back of the tragic incident when Mrs. Wickham started gossip afresh by publicly horsewhipping Mrs. Murray.

Wickhams on Bad Terms.

The Wickhams lived together after the incidents, but they occupied differ-

Suitor.

Her reason almost unhinged by the In a fit of drunken jealousy Annella dramatic death of her sister Minnie Hareiga threw his wife out of the sec-and exhausted by her detective work ond-story window of their apartment. to show that she may have died willing- 2814 Park avenue, to-day, and the woman to show that the may have used withing. Lulu Gerhardt has been removed to is now dying in the house in which she City Island in the hope that rest there will fully restore her.

Eugene Price is the man ever in her moved to Fordham Hospital.

mind. He was with her sister on Thursday night last when Minnie took a dose of carbolle acid and died.

The woman's brother lives on the floor about 2.20 o'clock A, M. by hearing Bare-

nue, where the tragedy occurred, is demanding to be let in. He was appar-closed. The grief-stricken mother, seri- ently under the influence of liquor. He heard his slater get up and open the door, and then came sounds of a violent Mrs. Barelega, followed by a loud crash

reason of pretty Luin.

Meantime Price has disappeared, and
the Gerhardts have asked for a further
investigation of the death of their rela-tive, of which Price was the only wit-

rive, of which Price was the only winness.

The cause of all the trouble is that
within a few hours of the funeral of
Miss Gerhardt, to whom Price was supposed to be engaged, he was found making love to another girl, whom he had
also promised to marry.

Price was alone in the parior of the
Gerhardt home, when he raised the cry
that she had taken poison. The girl
died without speaking.

Gerhardt went around the house wceping and apparently inconsolable.

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whom he had also pledged himself to marry.
Philip Hueber wanted to kill Price on the spot. He was dragged away.
When Luiu Gerherdt, who was devoted to her sister, neard of the young man's duplicity she fainted. Next day she siarted out to do "detective work," she said. She hunted all day and was found fainting on the sidewalk at One Hundred and Elighty-third street at night. She was taken home and put to bed.

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LABOR NOTES

The Miscellaneous Section has appointed Daniel S. Jacobs, Herman Robinson, august Gildemeister, Andaws J. Smith and Edward Friday a committee to aid in organizing a local branch of the Journeymen Barbers' International Union, at a meeting to be held te-night at No. 21st declared, work from twelve to sixteen hours a day for from \$\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$\frac{1}{2}\$ a week. In some instances they are compelled to board with the employers, when the wages are even smaller.

Earns His Medals by the Use of Good Food A Vicksburg, Miss., boy, J. B. Smith, corner Grove and Third streets, says: "I have been studying very hard to try and beat my room in examination. I have been eating oatmeal and cream for breakfast all my life. Lately when the hard study began I did not feel well enough to go to school, and there was an examination ahead of me and an exhibition, too. "I was determined to go through this examination, but felt so sick all the time that I didn't know how to accomplish it. Well, mother saw the Grape-Nuts food advertised, so she bought some and gave it to me for breakfast every morning, and you just ought to see what this food did for me.

Unorganized barbers in this city, it is clared, work from twelve to sixteen ours a day for from \$4 to \$5 a week. In me instances they are compelled to ard with the employers, when the ages are even smaller.

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"I began to get well at once and grow hearty and fat, in spite of my hard work. Above all that I did beat my room at examination, making a general average that was the highest mark in the room. I am also able to take part in the military drill tomorrow night at the exhibition and will try for the gold medal for general excellence. If you think there is any question about this you can write to Bro. Garbrial, our principal, and he will tell you that it is true."

It is of the greatest importance that parents feed their growing children, during study, on the most nourishing food possible to obtain and there is no question on this score regarding Grape-Nuts, for the food is compounded of the elements selected from the grains which go to quickly make and rebuild the brain and nerve centres. Any parent can prove this statement by feeding the children.

Handkerchiefs. Very special items taken from our immense stocks. You can surely secure very acceptable gifts

from these: Women's Initialled Handkerchiefs, 75c, 98c, 1.45 per box 3: doz. Very handsome initials. Women's Fancy Embroidered Handkerchiefs, 78c, 90c, 1.25, 1.50 box of 1 doz.—Also lace

Men's Initialled Handkerchiefs, 50c, 1.00, 2.90 per box of 1/2 doz. -Very handsome initials.

Men's Mufflers, 50c to 2.98-Ver

Friday's Holiday Sale of

Watches, 1.85. Every one guaranteed a perfect



Women's Watches, 1.85-Handsomely engraved stem winders and setters, Swiss movements; you would consider them cheap f you purchased them from an exclusive deal-

These can also be had in gun metal.



Beginning Saturday, Dec. 15, Store Open Evenings Until Christmas. A Great Bargain Friday for

Christmas Shoppers Here's a Holiday Friday Bargain Sale which no one can afford to miss-the bargains are al-

together too rare! We have taken our holiday goods, the most salable merchandise a store handles at any time of the year, and marked them at prices to make to-norrow the greatest Friday in this Store's unparalleled history. Do your Christmas shopping here to-morrow—there are but nine fleet-footed days for you to shop in, anyway—and to-morrow the savings are too great for you to miss.

Drafts on Foreign Countries, Banking Dept., Main Floor.

Women's Waists--Very Special.

Here are three items from our Women's Waist Dept.

which are strikingly significant of the great values found

there. Avail yourself of this opportunity to purchase

Half Price on Millinery To-Morrow.

What It Means to You and Us-A loss to-day often means a gain to-mor-We consider it poor business policy to carry after the holidays any winter millinery which is on our hands now. Therefore we are willing to sustain a loss. and in order to rid ourselves of every single winter hat now in the department, offer the entire assortment at exactly half price. That is, at half the prices that are on the goods to-day. This is an offer which is not duplicated very often, and gives you an opportunity to buy a handsome Xmas gift for some one at a very reasonable price. The lot includes the very finest silk mirrored hats, mink and chinchilla hats, &c.

\$10.00 Hats, \$5.00; \$12.00 Hats. \$6.00; \$15.00 Hats, \$7.00; \$20.00 Hats, \$10.00; \$30.00 Hats, \$15.00, &c.

Golf and Walking Hats, 98c .- Originally priced Women's Silk Velvet Hats, 1.98-Regularly at from \$2.98 to \$4.98; the lots in the assortment \$3.50. They are of black, draped effects; nine are broken and therefore we will sell them at styles in the assortment to select from; very

this exceptional price. special.

Children's Trimmed School Hats, upward from 29c—Many different styles; this is a very exceptional offer and is only made through our efforts to close out a large stock.



Special Sale Tailor-Made Dress Skirts---Friday Only.

300 Skirts at Less than Half Price. A splendid combination. Of quality, style and price the best skirt value in New York.

Women's Dress Skirts. Many exactly like cut. They are made of black and navy cheviots, Oxferd, medium gray, bluish gray and brown homespuns, and black broadcloths, and are lined with finest percalines. There are many styles to choose from. Many are hand-somely trimmed with either satin, taffeta or braid. Some are 7-gored flaring shape, others have the flaring flounce. All are this season's goods, bought from several of New York's large manufacturers, who disposed of them to us for cash at less than balf their cost to make, on account of stocktaking. They are worth from 5.98 to 12.00, and we offer you your choice at

This lot includes lengths up to 46 inches, waist bands up to 36 inches. All are finely tailored and finished. An early selection is advisable, as the best ones will naturally be sold first. No mail order filled. None sent C. O. D.

Great Sale of Good Slippers.

We hold to-morrow a great sale of Men's, Women's and Children's Slippers. This is an opportune offering, as slippers, you know, make very acceptable Christmas Gifts. Women's Slippers.

At 39c-Turkish Slippers-we have just received from our Constantinople house 3,000 pairs of these slippers, which are placed on sale at the unusual price of 39c. per pair. Colors are red, blue, black, tan, yellow, pink; all sizes. At 69c-"Romeo" Slippers, black felt; red flannel lined; all

At 1.19—Felt "Juliette" Slippers, fur trimmings, colors car-dinal and black, all sizes. At 50c-Of black felt, red flannel lined, also kid leather, com-

sizes, 3 to 8.

mon sense and opera toes, all sizes, 3 to 8. Beudoir Slippers, 1.00-in colors, black, red, brown; no heels, with pompons. Also white kid two-strap sandals; patent leather twostrap sandals; Dongola leather two-strap sandals; red kid two-strap sandals, in colors red, black, blue, pink, yellow, brown and bronze,

Men's and Boy's Slippers. At 50c-Pressed alligator leather, in chocolate and brown shades; also black goat leather, all with patent leather backs, nicely made, all sizes,

Friday's Holiday Sale of 50.00 Fur Coat, 22.50.

This is an elegant garment, worth every cent of \$50.00, but as a special hargain to-morrow we offer it at this extraordinary price. It is of nearseal fur, strictly first quality, and it would take an expert to distinguish it from Alaska seal. It is manufactured from selected skins and is lined with Skinner's satin, which is guaranteed to wear for two years. Cut in the latest style and the very best manner. Has chamois-lined pockets, large revers and storm collar. Any size and measurement, Second Ploor, 59th St. Section



Solid Gold Link Cuff Buttons,

1.09—Elegantly chased in a large
variety of designs; seth
6.94, set with white
brilliant diamond,
weighing over 3-16 of
a carat; solid gold Rings,

2.45—Set with cut diamond weighing over
1-32 of a carat; value
54.00.
Solid Gold Rings,
variety of newest
designs; value \$5.00. Solld Gold Rings, 4.45-Set with fiery
white cut diamond weighing 1-16 of 1111

Main Ploor, Proot, Cent

a carat; value \$10.00.

BLOOMINGDALE BROS.,



designs; value \$5.00.
SolidGoldTicCtasps
1.85, in a variety
of designs, in solid gold, set with one
white fiery cut diamond.

BLOOMINGDALE BROS.

Handsome Oriental Rugs.

Modern and Antique-We are showing bale after bale of some of the finest specimens of the Oriential Rug Art ever brought into this country. The prices on these goods are extremely reasonable. You could not select a more elegant or more acceptable gift than one

Anatolian Mats at 3.24, 3.48, 3.98. Shirvan Rugs at 6.48. Average size 3x43/ feet. Daghestan Rugs, 12.00.

Antique, average size 3x5% feet. Shirvan and Daghestan Rugs, 16.00. Finer qualities and larger sizes; all antique; average size 41/2x61/4 feet. Carpet Sizes of Oriental Rugs.

Wide range of prices. These for dining or drawing rooms and chambers.

Royal Mosque & Anatolian Silk Rugs, 125.00 & 225.00 Kerman Rugs, 85.00. Antique and modern, size 41/4x7 ft.

## Friday's Holiday Sale of Fine Bric-a-Brac and China.



\$200.00 apiece.

Also Glassmare - We are showing the most extensive assortment of bric-a-brac, fancy China and glassware suitable for Holiday presents which has ever been our pleasure to collect. From it you will be able to choose some of the most elegant gifts imaginable. The prices on the goods range from 10c. to

Also Bric-a-Brac-10 Special Tables. Here you will find some of the greatest bargains in Bric-a-Brac ever offered.

Each article on the table selling at the round price mentioned below.

Table No. 1—choice, 95c
Table No. 2—choice, 1.45
Table No. 7—choice, 4.95
Table No. 3—choice, 1.95
Table No. 8—choice, 5.95
Table No. 4—choice, 2.45
Table No. 9—choice, 6.95
Table No. 5—choice, 2.95
Table No. 5—choice, 2.95
Table No. 5—choice, 7.95

Bric.a. Brac up to \$200. We also have an extensive assortment of Dinner and Tea Sets, Tete-a-Tete and hoeolate Sets, Ice Cream and Berry Sets, etc., which make very handsome gifts. These items are priced very reasonably.

Friday's Holiday Sale of Pocketbooks, 59c.

A genuine Seal nation Focket-book and Card Case combined sterling silver corners, for to- 59 morrow, special at

Calendars, 28c. Real Value 50c .- A collection of Holly Wreath, Mistletoe, Rose and

Friday's Holiday Sale of

Crysepthemum Calendars, all beautitully lithographed in the natural colors, wreath design, all at the 28

Main Plane, 59th 8 BLOOMINGDALE BROS.,

## At 25c—Very special; of flannelette; m edium and dark colors; sizes 32, 34, 36 only.

a handsome and useful gift.

At 98c Of fine all-wool flannel; fancy buttons on front, flare cuffs, separate collar; all lined, black and At 1.49—Of fine, all-tucked or plain, light and dark

At 1.98 Of fine French flannel, pleated back and front; extra value.

Friday's Holiday Sale of Special Holiday Furniture.

You do yourself an injustice if you fail to include our Furniture Department in your list of visiting places when doing your holiday shopping. Our fourth floor is a veritable furniture fair, fairly groaning with a stock of holiday furniture which is almost bewildering in its variety. Note these values for Friday and Saturday:



figured golden oak or mahogany finish, is prettily carved and fitted with fine all hair cushions, covered in elegant velours, fine enough to grace any parlor; value 7.98



top drawers and neat carv-

in golden oak

ror, shaped

drawers



\$6.00; spe- 3.98 Reception Chair, gilt (not fine satin damask covering, finished as well as the finest; value

in satin damask, valu





A great assortment, most reasonably priced. Make your selections now, while the rarest values are present. Very Special in Men's Gloves.

Of all wool astrachan; all colors; actual value At 75c Of the kid and caster undressed suede; all colors and

sizes; actual value \$1.25. Specials in Women's Gloves and Mittens.

At 59c<sup>-2</sup>-clasp glace kid; all colors and sizes; actual value,

At 85c Full P. K. Fest quality glace kid; "Peerless" brand; all colors and sizes; these cost \$13.50 to import per dozen; sold throughout the United States for \$1.50. At 25c Silkoline mittens. These are a fine double quality,

with fancy back with silk bow attached. Very Special in Boys' Gloves. At 25c Of astrachan; fleece-lined and Scotch wool knitted gloves; all sizes and colors; actual value 50c.

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